



## QUOTE SHEET

### **Governor Shapiro, Visit PA and Philadelphia Soccer 2026 Announce Three 'Pennsylvania World Cup Fan Zones' — Free Public Watch Parties Coming to Pittsburgh, Reading, and Scranton for FIFA World Cup 2026™**

*Governor Josh Shapiro and Visit PA join with Philadelphia Soccer 2026 to bring the excitement of FIFA World Cup 2026™ to communities across the Commonwealth*

#### **Anne Ryan, Deputy Secretary of Tourism, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:**

"FIFA World Cup 2026™ will bring visitors from around the world to Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania World Cup Fan Zones will give them the chance to experience the energy and hospitality of communities all across the Commonwealth "These Fan Zones are equally a celebration for Pennsylvanians themselves — an invitation to experience the world's greatest sporting event right in their own backyard. From watching matches inside a legendary stadium in Pittsburgh, to celebrating the global spirit of the game with Reading's vibrant Latino community, to gathering in the heart of historic downtown Scranton, fans will be able to enjoy all that 2026 has to offer while also discovering what makes each of these Pennsylvania cities so special."

#### **Mayor Corey O'Connor, City of Pittsburgh:**

"We are thrilled to welcome our very own Pennsylvania World Cup Fan Zone to the City of Pittsburgh. This is another big moment for the city of champions and an incredible opportunity to highlight our sports fans on the international stage with our partners at Philadelphia Soccer and the Steelers. In the coming months, we look forward to sharing more about how our community can not only watch but be a part of these fan experiences and get in the game."

**Mayor Eddie Morán, City of Reading:**

“We’re excited to have Reading named as an official Pennsylvania World Cup Fan Zone. This means more people coming into our city, more support for our small businesses, and more opportunity for our residents. It’s a chance to bring our community together and invite others to experience the pride and energy of Reading.”

**Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti, City of Scranton:**

“This is an exciting moment and an incredible honor for Scranton. We’re grateful to Philadelphia Soccer 2026 for recognizing what we’ve always known: Scranton is a city that knows how to show up, welcome people, and create something special.” “To be selected as an official destination for World Cup fans puts Scranton on a global stage, and it’s something our residents should be proud of. In a year when we’re celebrating 160 years as a city alongside America’s 250th birthday, this recognition means even more. It also means a real boost for our local economy, with more visitors supporting our small businesses, restaurants and hotels. We’re ready to welcome people from around the world, show off who we are, and make sure World Cup fans leave with a great impression of Scranton.”

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